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SUMMARY: QTE GUIDELINES FOR PRESS BRIEFING UNQTE ONLY JOINT
US/ JAPAN DOCUMENT RESULTING FROM SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN
TOKYO, 25-27 APRIL. FULL TEXT PRESENTED HEREWITH. HIGHLIGHTS
SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED REFTEL B.

1. TITLE: GUIDELINES FOR PRESS BRIEFING.

2. TEXT:

PARA. A BI- NATIONAL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
MINISTRIES OF HEALTH AND WELFARE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAPAN
AND FROM THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES WAS HELD ON APRIL 25, 26, AND
27 TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS COMMENCED IN 1969 AND TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MATTERS RELATED TO THE ABCC.

PARA. BOTH SIDES HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THE WORK BEING DONE AT
THE ABCC IS VERY USEFUL AND THEREFORE THAT THE WORK SHOULD BE
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CONTINUED.

PARA. THE U. S. SIDE PRESENTED PROPOSALS WHEREBY;

1. THE JAPANESE SIDE COULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE DESIGN OF THE JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES;
2. THE JAPANESE SIDE COULD SHARE EQUALLY IN THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE JOINT ACTIVITIES; AND
3. THE RESEARCH IN THE ABCC AND IN THE VARIOUS JAPANESE GOVERNMENTAL MINISTRIES WORKING IN FIELDS RELATED TO ATOMIC ENERGY COULD BE BETTER COORDINATED.

PARA. THE PROPOSALS BY THE US INCLUDED, AS ONE ALTERNATIVE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AUTONOMOUS RESEARCH INSTITUTE UNDER JAPANESE LAW GOVERNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

PARA. THE US SIDE EMPHASIZED THAT THE IMMEDIACY OF GREATER JAPANESE FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION WAS BEING CALLED FOR IN PART BECAUSE INFLATIONARY PRESSURES IN JAPAN AND THE DEVALUATION OF US CURRENCY HAVE RESULTED IN THE FORECAST OF A LARGE DEFICIT IN OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE US FISCAL YER BEGINNING JULY 1, 1973.

PARA. THE JAPANESE SIDE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WOULD USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO CONTINUE AND IMPORVE THE JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS AT THE ABCC. THE JAPANESE SIDE SAID THAT IT WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN NEW FUNDS FOR EXPENSES FOR RESEARCH AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEXT JAPANESE

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1974. RESPONDING TO THE US PROPOSAL ON THE LONG TERM ISSUE THE JAPANESE SIDE STATED THAT THE JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM AT ABCC SHOULD CONTINUE TO B CONDUCTED WITH THE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF THE POPULATION CONCERNED.; FURTHER, THE JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM SHOULD BE CONDUCTED

ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE INITIATIVES OF EACH SIDE. THE JAPANESE SIDE ALSO STATED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, IN THEIR VIEW, FOR THE ABCC AND THE JNIIH TO MEET PERIODICALLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. THEY FURTHER STATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLOSER COOPERATION IN RESSEARCH BETWEEN THE JAPANESE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED AND THE ABCC.

PARA. COMMENTING ON THE JAPANESE REMARKS, THE US SIDE SAID THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE MOST OF THE ABCC EXPENSE IS FOR SALARIES, IT APPEARS THAT JAPAN COULD NOT PROVIDE MAJOR FINANCIAL HELP UNLESS IT COULD CONCEIVE OF SOME WAY OF ASSUMING SALARY COSTS. THE US SIDE FURTHER

STATED THAT THE EXTENT OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND EQUIPMENT BEING REQUESTED IN THE JAPANESE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1974 WAS NOT ANTICIPATED AS BEING SUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME THE DEFICIT IN OPERATING FUNDS WHICH WAS EXPECTED FOR THE US FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1973.

PARA. BOTH SIDE RECOGNIZED THAT THE CANDID AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE OVER THE LAST THREE DAYS WERE VERY USEFUL IN UNDERSTANDING EACHOTHER'S POSITION. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ISSUES RAISED ABOVE.
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